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Congo: Adoula told Ambassador Gullion on 15 January that an order for Gizenga's arrest was to be issued later that day. Gizenga is being held by UN troops in Stanleyville under conditions "approximating protective custody." According to the American Embassy in Leopoldville, the 15 January parliamentary vote of censure automatically removes Gizenga from the cabinet, and the Leopoldville government claims it strips him of his parliamentary immunity as well. [Adoula apparently also hopes to take advantage of the chaos prevailing among Gizenga's former supporters to move against Interior Minister Gbenye and other members of the group, but it remains questionable whether he possesses the political power to take on these other radicals even in their present state of disorganization.]

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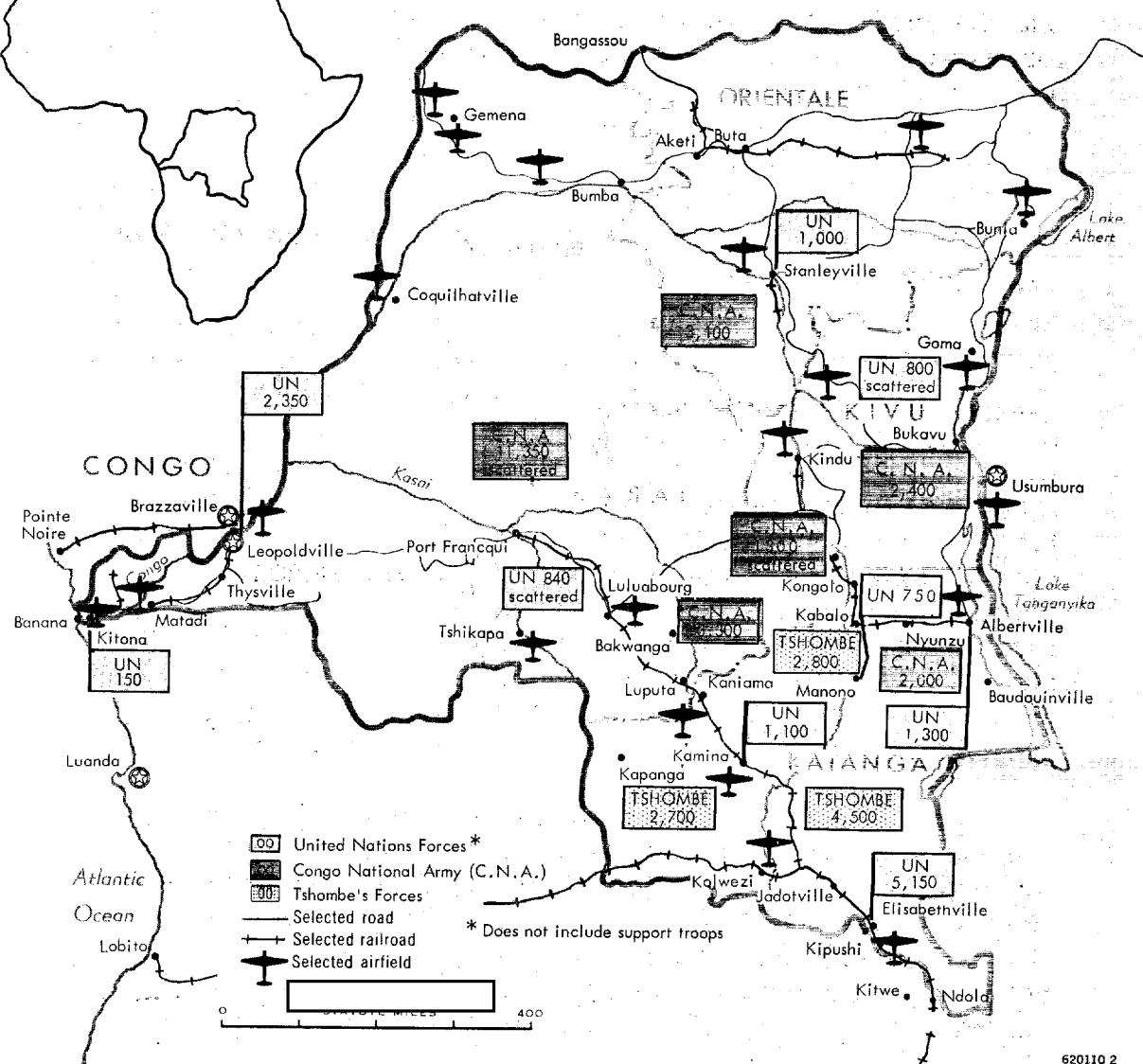
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Turkey: Intense controversy over the question of amnesty for imprisoned political figures of the Menderes regime has added to the uncertainty and restiveness within the country and has worsened relations between military officers and civilian politicians. The officer corps is increasingly sympathetic to those officers who are plotting to supplant the civilian government. Many segments of the population are demanding an immediate amnesty. Justice party leader Gumuspala said that during his recent visit to Izmir he heard insistent demands by crowds that his party press for an amnesty. On the other hand, anti-amnesty sentiments have been voiced at large student rallies in Istanbul. Unless Premier Inonu and other moderates can quiet the clamor on this issue, the military may consider that Inonu can no longer safeguard their interests and may attempt to take control from him.

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Dominican Republic: General Rafael Rodriguez Echevarria, armed forces secretary and dominant military figure in the new regime, has become the focus of growing antagonism within the civil government against the military. His roughshod tactics

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are also leading to divisions within the armed forces themselves.

President Balaguer, as temporary head of the Council of State, has sole civil authority over the military. The other six council members are critical of Balaguer's failure to curb General Rodriguez' involvement in affairs normally reserved for civil government. The six council members appear inclined to force a showdown with Rodriguez, although their legal ability to do so prior to Balaguer's resignation is in doubt. Balaguer is to resign on or before 27 February. He is to be succeeded by Council Vice President Bonelly, who is committed to the principle of civilian supremacy.

Meanwhile, several groups of air force personnel have resigned, publicly protesting Rodriguez' "dictatorial" inclinations, and on 13 January a group of naval officers and enlisted men attempted a revolt against Rodriguez.

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Split Widens Between Turkish Military and Civilian Politicians

The Turkish military consider that amnesty would be a repudiation of their action in overthrowing Menderes and might pave the way for eventual reprisals against them for the May 1960 coup. Last month, under pressure from the military the leaders of the coalition government, Gumuspala and Inonu, successfully avoided formal parliamentary consideration of amnesty. The danger continues, however, that opportunistic Justice party members will try to use this issue to wrest control of the party, whose supporters include former pro-Menderes elements, from the moderate Gumuspala.

This prolonged maneuvering on the amnesty question, combined with determined but unsuccessful efforts of some deputies to increase their own salaries at a time when the government is firmly committed to an austerity program, has sharpened controversy among Turkey's legislators. Recently the former members of the Committee of National Union, the military junta, who became lifetime senators have held press conferences in which they castigated their fellow legislators for their stands favoring amnesty. These former junta members have little by way of popular following, and their adversaries in parliament and the press can be expected to reply sharply to these attacks.

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